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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1846

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SUBJECT: PM BARROW MEETS WITH PM WILLIAMS

REF: A. POS 1815 B. POS 1805; C. POS 1735

1. MORNING PRESS AUGUST 1 REVEALED THAT BARBADOS PRIME MINISTER BARROW HAD FLOWN TO TRINIDAD FOR A "SECRET" EVENING MEETING JULY 30 WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS. ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED REPORTS, MEETING DEALT WITH THE TRINIDAD PROPOSAL FOR A WEST INDIES "FOOD PLAN" (REF B), AND WITH A REPORTED BARBADOS REQUEST FOR SHORT-TERM BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE FROM TRINIDAD. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT DR. WILLIAMS' RESIDENCE AND REPORTEDLY LASTED UNTIL EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 31.

2. COMMENT: WE CANNOT IMAGINE A MEETING OF SUCH DURATION TAKING PLACE WITHOUT A DISCUSSION OF CIVIL AVIATION ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AFTER PM BARROW'S COMMENTS REPORTED REF C AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BARROW WAS REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERMANENT
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SECRETARY (AND AVIATION EXPERT) IAN ARCHER. GOTT MINISTER

OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (AND RESPONSIBLE FOR AVIATION MATTERS)
ERROL MAHABIR ALSO APPARENTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETINGS.
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, MAHABIR SUDDENLY CANCELLED AN
APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED WITH TWO VISITING US AVIATION OFFICIALS
(REF A), AND SUGGESTED THEY DEAL WITH HIS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL
AVIATION INSTEAD. IT SEEMS TO US VERY LIKELY THAT MAHABIR WAS
TOLD BY PM WILLIAMS NOT TO MEET WITH US OFFICIALS AS A RESULT
OF PRESENTATION MADE BY PM BARROW AND THAT SOME DEAL MAY
BE IN THE OFFING.
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